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NOTE FROM: Alton G. Keel
Subject: Iran Game Plan

Totally agree!! Who put this in? It's sensitive info and
shd not be handled carelessly.

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NOTE FROM: William A. Cockell
SUBJECT: Iran Game Plan

Al, I have one comment on the package that was sent to you last
night. The talking points, on page 9, address the fact that we have
provided Iraq with intelligence
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..... We have kept quiet about this up to now and, as you know, our
actions have gone even farther than the words in the TPs suggest. While there
is some utility in pointing out that we have been even-handed, i.e.,
helped both sides, I question whether we want to inject what we have
been doing to aid the Iraqis into the discussion at this point. The
intention is that the TPs be broadly used. They would receive wide
circulation. One would have to assume that they would rapidly migrate
into the public domain, under these circumstances. Additionally, while
we have cast our help to Iran in defensive terms, when we say we
helped the Iraqis target
positions, it is difficult to characterize this as defensive assistance.
It also raises a new issue which the press could use to keep the story
alive for several more days and could lead to press probing which would
reveal some of the more sensitive aspects of our assistance to Iraq.
I would vote to leave it out of the paper.

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cc: NSRBM --CPUA

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